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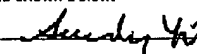
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated September 29, 2006 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20060926), for which a response is due on December 29, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Currently pending Claims** are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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